Though in the crisis period, non-standard bags were used for transmission in emergent circumstances, the crisis is over now.

ISD/STD/PCO Units in Gujarat

1931. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ISD/STD/PCO units set up in urban/rural and tribal areas in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) the amount spent by Government thereon during this period and earning made therefrom;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more ISD/STD/PCO units in that State during the next financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

STD Facilities in Andhra Pradesh

1932. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Telecom submitted proposals for open line STD wiring in some areas in West Godawari District in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Department of Telecom has received any proposal for improvement of telecom in agency areas like Polavaram in West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) (i) Polavaram in West Godavari District has been proposed for provision of STD facility on Open Wire Medium during 1994-95.

(ii) 7 more places viz. Peravalli, Veeraasaram, Vendra, Vegeswarapuram, Gundugolanu, Koyyalagudem, Nallajerla have been proposed for provision of STD facility during the year 1994-95.

(iii) A Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange of 1000 lines capacity has also been planned at Eluru in West Godavari.

जाली धनादेश

1933. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के विभिन्न भागों में जाली धनादेशों की बुकिंग के मामले प्रकाश में आये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इसके लिए जिम्मेदार व्यक्तियों सहित उन स्थानों का पता लगा लिया गया है जहां ऐसी अनियमितताएं बरती गयी हैं; और

(घ) इस गबन में कुल कितनी धनराशि अंतर्ग्रस्त है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) । (क) से (घ) जानकरी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल रख दी जाएगी ।

Sale of Revenue Stamps

1934. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has demanded from the State Governmentts 15 per cent commission on sale of revenue stamps;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Revenue stamps are sold through Post Offices on behalf of the State Governments. While, the Department of Post incures considerable expenditure on stocking and selling, no commission is paid by the State Goovernments.

(c) Interium replies have been received from some Sate Government.

Improvement and Expansion of Telecom Facilities in the Country

1935. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government for the improvement and expansion of the telephone facilties in the country particularly in Puniab during the period 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether the schemes formulated in this regard have been executed or likely to be executed during the current year; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to meet the demand of the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During 1993- 94, 12.4 lakh new connections were provided in the country against the annual target of 11.0 lakh whereas in Punjab 59008 new connections were provided against the target of 51000 during the year 1993-94.

During 1994-95, a target of 14 lakh new telephone connections has been fixed for the country including 70500 for Punjab.

(c) As regards expansion of telephone facilities, the department of telecom has formulated 8th Five Year Plan (1992-97) which envisages addition of 75 lakh new telephone connections in the country out of which 396700 lines in Punjab. However, National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages to provide telephone connections on demand by 1-4-1997. Plans are being drawn accordingly to meet the objectives.

Revenue Earned from Telephone, Post and Telegraph Services

1936. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total revenue earned through telephone, post and telegraph services in the country during the last three years ; and

(b) the details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The total revenue earned through Telephone, Post and Telegraph (including Telex) services in the country during the last three years is as follows :—

(In crores of Rs.)

Year	Telephone	Post	Telegraph (including Telex)
1991-92 .	4708.44	947.87	272.80
1992-93 .	5910.50	1073.90	272.11
1993-94 .	8017.60	1105.17	260.06

(b) The details of the amount spent for the development of these services during the aforesaid period are :—

(In crores of Rs.)

Year	Telephone	Post	Telegraphs (including Telex)
1991-92 .	3347.40	38.80	53.07
1992-93 .	4544.96	61.13	60.77
1993-94 .	5495.44	66.09	85.04

Post Offices in the Villages in Madhya Pradesh

1937. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have done any survey in Madhya Pradesh regarding the villages which do not have Post Offices at present ;

(b) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof ;

(c) by when Government propose to open Post Offices in all the villages of Madhya Pradesh ; and

(d) whether Government propose to make available mobile post offices in such villages of the State for the time being to cater to the postal needs of villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) There is a system of carrying out regular survey by inspecting staff of post office. Out of 76,220 villages in Madhya Pradesh, 10,078 villages are having post offices and 66,142 villages are without post offices.

(b) District-wise number of villages with and without post offices are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) At present, there is no plan to open post offices in all the villages in Madhya Pradesh, However, it is targetted to open 9 extra departmental branch post offices and 8 sub post offices in Madhya Pradesh, during the current financial year. No time limit can however be indicated for opening of post offices in villages of Madhya Pradesh as post offices are being opened annually according to the Plan targets on the fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources.

(d) No, Sir.